Laying of Kanpur-Kasganj Broad Gauge Rail Line

†2071. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work of laying Kanpur-Kasganj broad gauge rail line has been going on for the last many years, if so, by when it is likely to be completed;

(b) whether guidelines have been issued to execute the work at the earliest;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) The work of gauge conversion of Kanpur-Kasganj-Mathura, Kasganj-Bareilly was included in the Budget 1997-98. No target date has yet been fixed.

(b) to (d) The work is being progressed as per availability resources.

Upgradation of Kurla, Bandra Terminus

2072. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any Plan to improve or upgrade the conditions and facilities at Kurla Terminus and Bandra Terminus in Mumbai; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Following upgradations are planned :—

(i) **Kurla :** The long term further development of Kurla Terminus has been planned. This includes improvement to approach road and parking facilities. It is also proposed to provide waiting rooms, retiring rooms, luggage & parcel offices, refreshment room etc.

(ii) **Bandra :** Bandra Terminus has been nominated as a model station and the passenger amenities and other facilities are being gradually upgraded. Provision of facilities which are approved include amenities for handicapped passengers, provision of retiring rooms, cloak room, refreshment room, current booking windows, goods-cum-parcel office, improvement to lighting and circulating area, providing on-line train arrival/departure information Board in concourse and augmentation of further terminal facilities.

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